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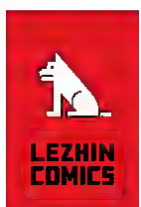

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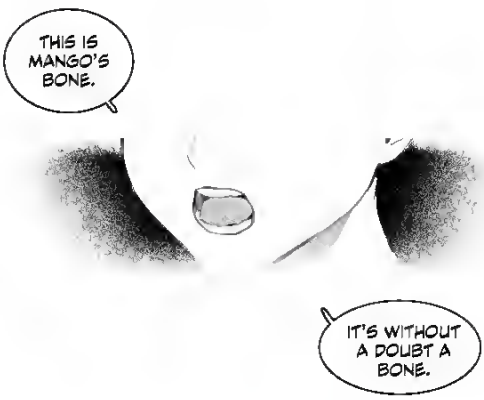
WHEN I WAS YOUNG,
I FOUND A BONE INSIDE THE MANGO I WAS EATING.

THEN SOMEONE SAID,

AT THAT MOMENT,
I WAS SO CERTAIN THAT IT WAS A BONE,

SO I GOT UPSET RIGHT AWAY.

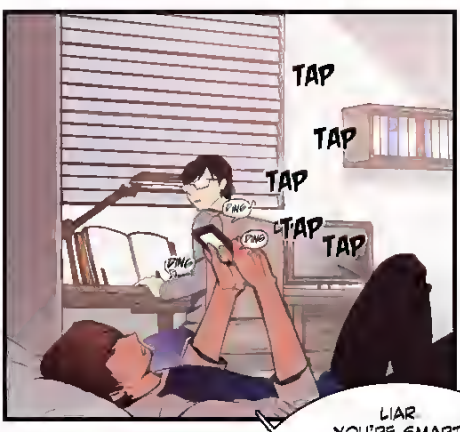
THEN I REPEATED TO MYSELF,


THIS IS MANGO'S BONE.
IT'S WITHOUT A DOUBT A BONE.

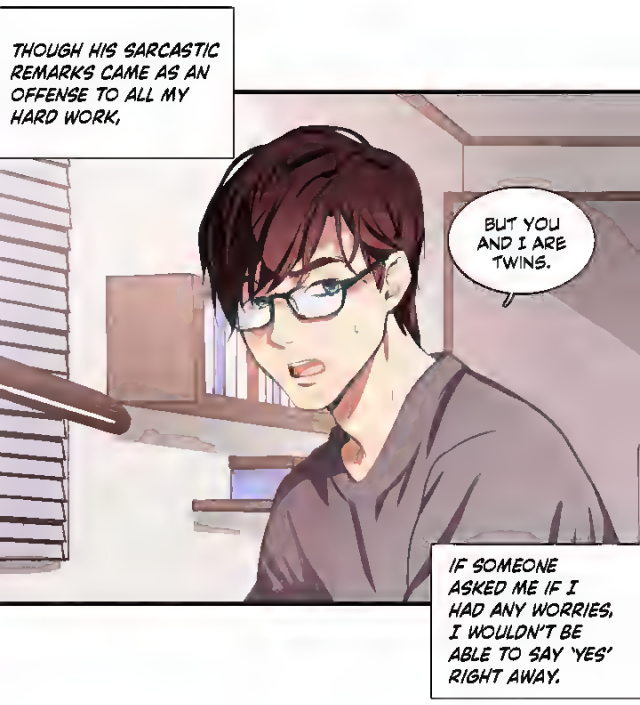
FROM THAT DAY ON, MY MANGO BORE A BONE.

YOU MUST HAVE NO WORRIES WHATSOEVER IN YOUR LIFE, HUH?

THAT'S NOT TRUE.



LIAR. YOU'RE SMART, YOU COME FROM A WEALTHY FAMILY, AND YOU'RE GOOD-LOOKING. YOU HAVE ALL THE GOOD GENES. YOU THINK IT'S EASY TO BE BORN THAT WAY?


THOUGH HIS SARCASTIC REMARKS CAME AS AN OFFENSE TO ALL MY HARD WORK,
BUT YOU AND I ARE TWINS.
IF SOMEONE ASKED ME IF I HAD ANY WORRIES, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAY 'YES' RIGHT AWAY.

*SUSEOK - TITLE GIVEN TO THE STUDENT WITH THE HIGHEST ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OUT OF HIS OR HER GRADE

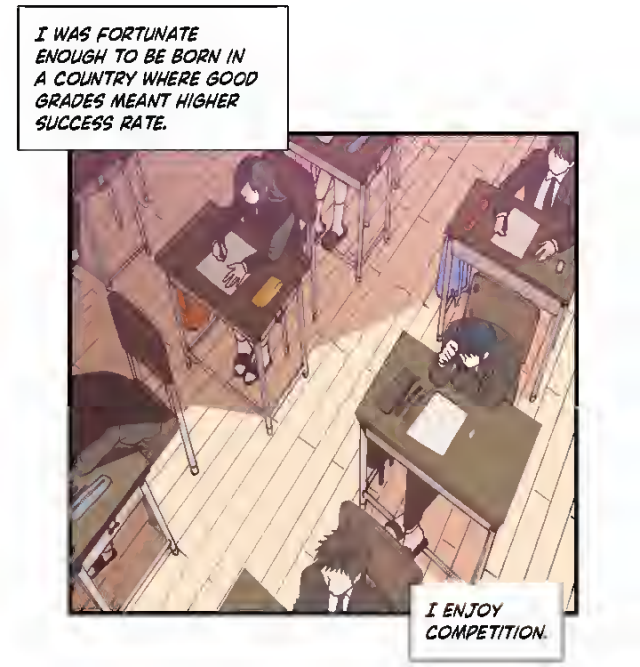
AH. DAMMIT! STOP STUDYING! YOU SERIAL SUSEOK*!

GET AWAY FROM THE TABLE. YOU'RE GONNA TURN INTO A LOSER!

CAN I DO THE OATH INSTEAD OF YOU TOMORROW? I CAN DO IT JUST

LIKE YOU.
GET LOST.

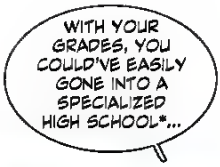
I CAN'T ADMIT THIS PUBLICLY, BUT I THINK I ACQUIRED THE LEARNING TECHNIQUE QUICKER THAN MY PEERS.
BEING REWARDED PROPORTIONALLY TO THE EFFORT I PUT IN WAS ALSO FUN.

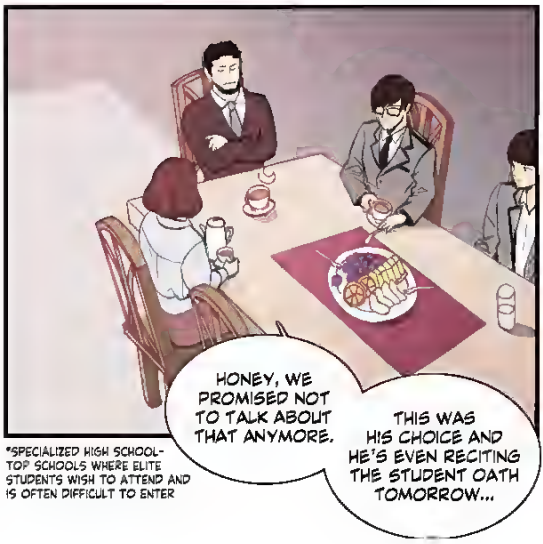

I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE BORN IN A COUNTRY WHERE GOOD GRADES MEANT HIGHER SUCCESS RATE.
I ENJOY COMPETITION.

BECAUSE

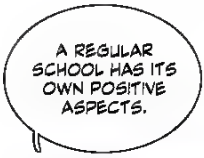
I'M CONFIDENT I'LL WIN EVERY TIME.

EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S A PITY.



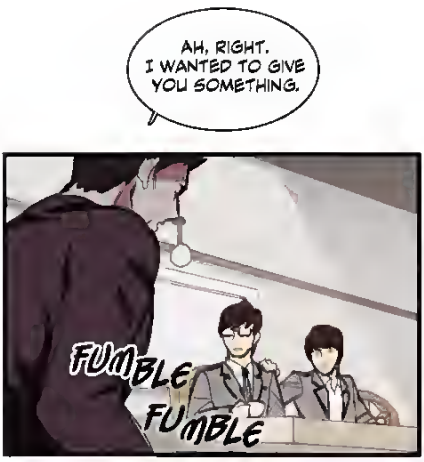


*SPECIALIZED HIGH SCHOOL- TOP SCHOOLS WHERE ELITE STUDENTS WISH TO ATTEND AND IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO ENTER



I'LL DO MY BEST THERE SO DON'T WORRY.

RIGHT, WHO ELSE CAN I TRUST IF NOT YOU, JOOIN? YOU'RE DOING SO WELL.
A PRETENTIOUS SMILE
WHAT THE HECK?


AH, RIGHT. I WANTED TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING.
FUMBLE
FUMBLE

HERE, THIS IS YOUR SCHOOL ADMISSION PRESENT.
9012

IT'S A CREDIT CARD. THERE'S NO LIMIT SO USE IT AS FREELY AS YOU WISH.
WHOA!

AH... THANK YOU.
POP
F-FATHER~~~

WHAT ABOUT ME?!?! WHAT ABOUT ME??!!?!
I'M ALSO STARTING SCHOOL WITH HIM! I KNOW HOW TO USE A CREDIT CARD TOO~~~~
DID YOU LEAVE YOUR CONSCIENCE IN YOUR MOTHER'S WOMB WHEN SHE GAVE BIRTH TO YOU?!
DO YOU KNOW HOW WORRIED I WAS WHEN YOUR TEACHER TOLD ME THAT YOU MIGHT NOT EVEN BE ABLE TO GET INTO A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL?!

BUT HE'LL ONLY USE THAT TO BUY MORE TEXTBOOKS AND GYM MEMBERSHIPS!!
FLAP

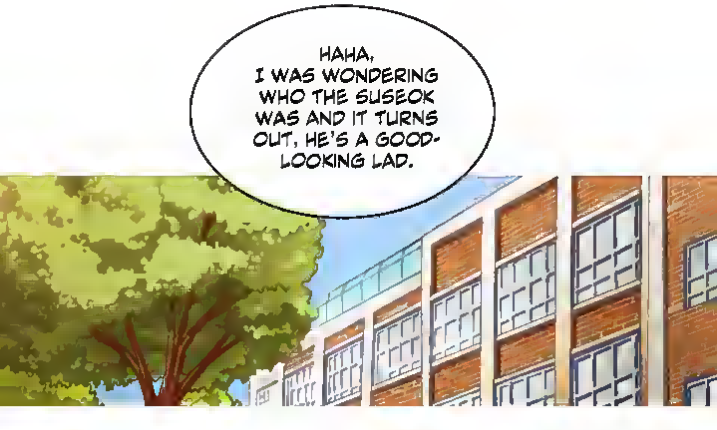
THAT'S WHY I GAVE IT TO HIM. IF YOU ACT LIKE THAT EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL, FORGET THE CREDIT CARD. I'M KICKING YOU OUT.

WAHH!!! HYUNG*!! CARD!! I WANT A CARD TOO!!

DON'T MAKE WEIRD EXPRESSIONS WITH A FACE THAT LOOKS LIKE ME.

*HYUNG- HONORIFIC USED BY MALE TO CALL OLDER MALE WHO THEY ARE CLOSE TO

I'M OFF TO SCHOOL.
CREAK

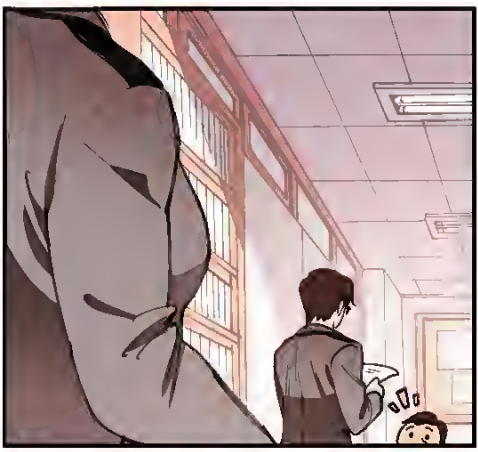

HAHA,
I WAS WONDERING WHO THE SUSEOK WAS AND IT TURNS OUT, HE'S A GOOD-LOOKING LAD.

*CHASEOK-
TITLE GIVEN TO THE STUDENT WITH THE SECOND HIGHEST ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OUT OF HIS OR HER GRADE

WHO'S THE CHASEOK?

AH, I BELIEVE HER NAME WAS...

IT'S SOBOK, SIR.



HAM SOBOK.

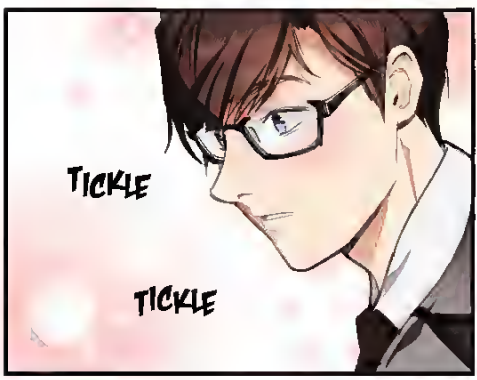
SHE'S SO CUTE!!!!!
BA DUMP

THE CHASEOK DOESN'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING, RIGHT?

YES. JUST WALK ON STAGE AND STAND THERE ONCE YOU'RE CALLED UPON.

HER HAND'S SO SOFT...

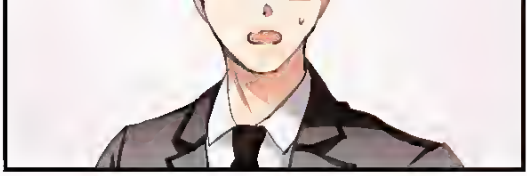
IT'S WARM AND SQUISHY...


TICKLE
TICKLE

OH, IF IT ISN'T OUR GOOD-LOOKING LAD! HOW CAN I HELP?

I...HAVE A QUESTION.

IF THE STUDENTS ARE PLACED IN CLASSES DEPENDING ON THEIR GRADES,

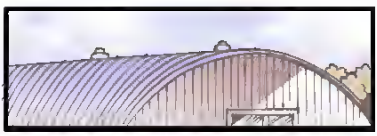


THE SUSEOK AND CHASEOK CAN'T BE IN THE SAME CLASS, RIGHT?

ARE YOU BEING COMPETITIVE ALREADY? DON'T WORRY, WHOEVER STUDIES HARDER WILL ALWAYS BE #1!
MUST BE HARD FOR YOU...
WAVE
WAVE
AH...NO. THAT'S NOT IT...

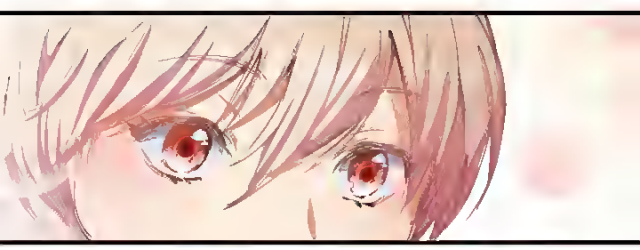
...IN THE SAME CLASS...

I PLEDGE.



TO FULFILL ALL MY DUTIES AS A STUDENT AND STRIVE TO MAKE THE SCHOOL PROUD AND...

LOOKING AT HER CLOSELY,

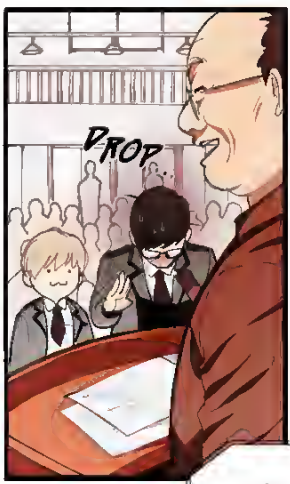


HER EYELASHES ARE REALLY...

...LONG...

AH, NO, WHAT I MEANT WAS...

YOU'RE NERVOUS. IT'S FINE.

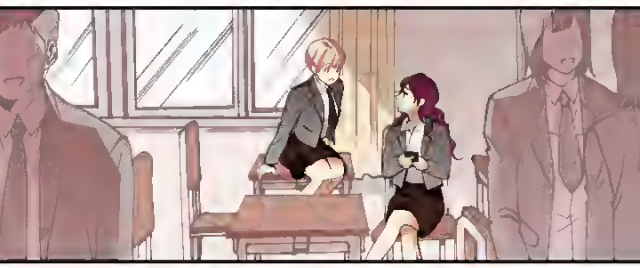


TAKE YOUR TIME.

I-I'M SORRY.

HOW EMBARRASSING...
CHATTER CHATTER
SLIDE—

THA...
THANK
YOU, GOD.



AH...
HI!

OH, HI~

I DIDN'T KNOW... YOU'RE IN CLASS 1 TOO?
HESITANT
?
NO, I'M IN CLASS 2.

I JUST DROPPED BY TO SEE MY FRIEND.
DISAPPOINTED
I'M GONNA LEAVE NOW, LISA. PAY ATTENTION TO CLASS AND DON'T DOZE OFF.

STOP

USING YOUR SMARTPHONE. IT'S GONNA GET CONFISCATED AGAIN.

FRIEND...

UGH...
TAP
TAP

SMELLS LIKE CIGARETTE...!!

Mango's Bone

To be continued